GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Facilities for Patients in Trains
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware of the travelling of the patients with major illness in the trains;

(b) if so, whether the Railways have formulated any policies and have arranged to provide emergency medical aid to such patients while traveling in trains and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Railways have any policy to provide the facility of subsidised railway fares to the patients with major illness and a caretaker on their journeys to and from treatment centres and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): All passenger carrying trains are provided with First Aid Boxes containing essential drugs and dressing materials. In addition, Augmented First Aid Boxes with wide range of medicines, disposable medical material, etc. have been provided with the Train Superintendents of Rajdhani/ Shatabdi Express trains and Guards of other nominated trains. The front line staff deployed on trains is trained in rendering First Aid. Trains can also make unscheduled halts, if necessary, at the stations en-route in emergencies. The Station Masters have details of doctors, clinics & hospitals, both Government and Private, in the vicinity of the station, so that their services could also be availed, in emergencies.
(c): Railway grants 50 to 100 % fare concession to Cancer, Thalassemia, Heart, Kidney, Haemophilia and T.B/Lupas Vulgaris patients alongwith their escort in reserved coaches of trains. Further, 50 to 75 % fare concession is granted to patients suffering from Non-infectious Leprosy, Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), Sickle Cell Anemia and Aplastic Anemia for self travelling in reserved coaches of trains. 50% fare concession in monthly season ticket (MST) and Quarterly Season Ticket is also granted to Ostomy patients.
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